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Reflections after 6 months in the Chair

You might think that Barbican Residents would be pretty influential in the City of London. Yet though we make up nearly half of those people who actually live in the City and are represented by 14 Councillors, 2 Alderman and the Barbican Association we seem to have little clout.

The BA is consulted by the City and goes to great lengths to respond to their strategies and yet when push comes to shove, on planning decisions in particular, only lip service is paid.

Our Councillors pride themselves in their independence and their right to use their judgement. And so they should. But when they come together as a group, along with the BA, as they did over the Girls School, the alignment of residents' representatives all saying the same thing must carry more clout than a series of disparate voices. I would like to see more communication between the BA and our elected councillors - and ideally more joint positions.

We have many challenges ahead: the

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future of the Museum of London and Bastion House Site, the declining condition of the fabric of the Barbican, the uncertainties over Lord Lisvane's review of Governance and the continuing onslaught of new office and retail developments surrounding us.

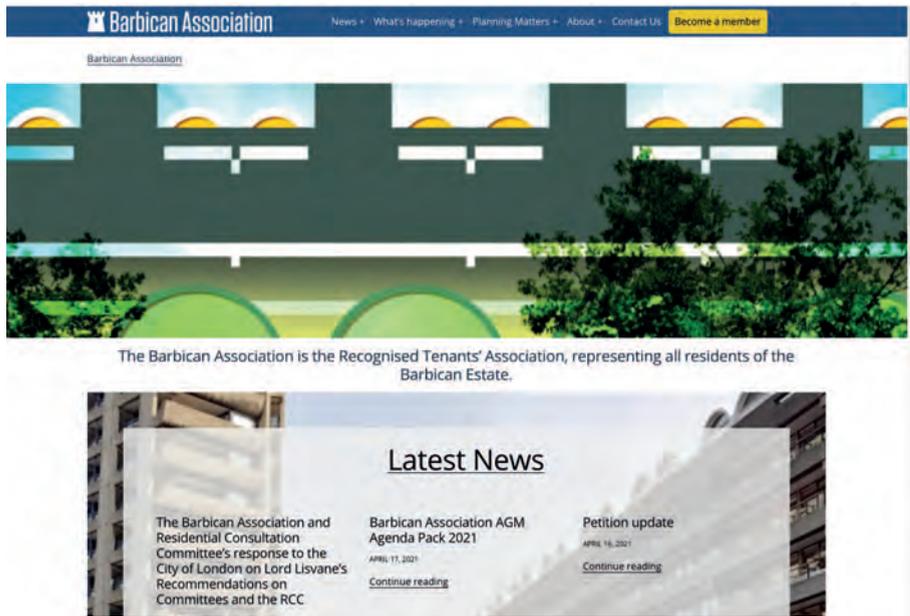
We will be encouraging our elected representatives to work with us as a united group on matters of common interest.

What happens now the Centre for Music is no more?

Since the last newsletter the City announced that the Centre for Music which had been planned to go on the site of the Museum of London (Now known as London Wall West) following its relocation to Smithfield, was being scrapped.

Previously we had been told that planning permission would be sought to demolish

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New website barbicanassociation.co.uk (see page 2)

Bastion House and build offices as they generated the best return for the city.

It is not clear if proper consideration has been given to a, less wasteful of carbon alternative, converting the building to flats. The original design included flats on the top floor. Each of the 14 floors could accommodate up to ten flats. Nor is it clear if consideration has been given to repurposing the museum. The Girls school

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is crying out for more space.

Whatever a proper evaluation of the whole site must be made in the context of its position in the square mile.

In our open letter to the Corporation (*full text on BA Website "Latest News > Campaigns"*), to which incidentally we have had no response, we said "given the international significance of the Barbican and Golden Lane, and its commercial and cultural contribution, the City needs to bring together all the different interest groups in an inclusive, forward-looking process to create a proper Blueprint; not just a jigsaw of unconnected, and often competing and wasteful, initiatives".

This should be done in the context of the detail and logic of the City's Local Plan 2036. It designates Smithfield and Barbican as key areas of change and as the City's biggest residential area suitable for building more residences. The plan suggests 30-40% housing should be in this area, compared with only 0-10% extra office development. Developments already consented and in the pipeline already increase offices space in this area by 14% more than the current amount, so there is no need for more offices. Yet the plan includes no spatial designation for housing in this area (except the vaguely worded "next to existing residential clusters). But the Bastion House and MoL site is adjacent to and effectively part of an existing residential area.

What is the point of having strategies if they are ignored before the ink is dry?

It is clear that we are facing demolition on the Bastion House site soon. C4M



Fortune Street Park (see page 6)

architects who did the scheme for the Centre for Music have been retained to take the redevelopment to planning application stage by next spring. The City will not wait till the whole site becomes available after the MoL moves. They plan two "commercially led" developments with some cultural and other uses they plan to consult residents and other stakeholders on these. They also want to keep some of the public realm ideas of the architects of the C4M, including pedestrianising part of St Martin Le Grand and putting the road under the building that succeeds the MoL. We must oppose the City's plans and fight for a proper debate on how to make best use of this important site.

We are the Barbican

I don't need to remind you that we live in a Masterpiece, a gem, a world-famous example of 20th Century architecture and urban development in the heart of the City of London (CoL).

We look after our part through our service charges. The other parts have not received the same level of care, maintenance is underfunded.

Part of the problem is that there is no single body taking responsibility for ensuring that Barbican its fabric and mix of residential, culture, education and open space is being looked after. Instead, the City has 6 committees, 14 sub-committees and one consultative committee, all with separate, compartmentalised interests in the goings on in the Barbican. This is not helped by the financing of various aspects comes from several different sources.

Let us be in no doubt that the physical fabric is in decline. (Barbican & Golden Lane Area Strategy published by the CoL in August 2015).

Notwithstanding the above, and having just reached its 50th anniversary, it is still a marvellous place in which people wish to live and to visit. It cannot stand another decade of neglect. Which is why in our response to the City on Governance we suggested a new approach to management of the estate with the setting up of a body to take an holistic view and marshal the resources to resolve the current difficulties and take the Barbican forward for the next 50 years.

The scope for this 'umbrella' organisation would need to be defined in consultation with all stakeholders but we envisage the following:

- Creation of a Grand Strategy for the

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Barbican

- Custodian of the Strategy and Champion of conservation and listed status
- Reduction in Carbon emissions across the estate
- Securing and allocating funds necessary to keep the estate world-class and fit for purpose
- Preserving the mix of residential, cultural and educational uses
- Maintenance of the fabric.
- Management of public realm
- Security across the estate and control of the general public.

The good news. Our new improved Website <https://barbicanassociation.co.uk/> It occurs to me that you may well know more about what the Romans did for us than what the Barbican Association does for us today.

In an attempt to rectify this, we have re-invigorated the Association Website

The site provides regularly updated information on all the Association's activities. Members of the General Council work hard on your behalf. Please encourage them by logging in on a regular basis and give them feedback by commenting on particular issues.

I also take this opportunity to remind you that the fleshpots are due to re-open on the 17th May when you will be able to take advantage of the discounts in restaurants that are available through membership of the Barbican Association. So, if you are not already a member please join, a snip at only a fiver a year.

Adam Hogg

Chair, Barbican Association



Teeth or Dentures?

The original proposal for the Residents' Consultation Committee, made by the City of London and endorsed by Barbican residents in a 2003 ballot, has been shared with me for the first time. It made fascinating reading given that it included:

- The Resident consultation committee will immediately have a significant influence in the management of the Estate and in future could develop to be the basis of a delegation of service responsibility.
- The Resident consultation committee proposal is designed to move beyond resident consultation to a level of significant resident influence over operational and strategic management of the Estate.
- The Resident consultation committee will be highly influential in the strategic and operational management of the Estate. In short,

the Committee will have teeth.

This original vision of the RCC is quite different from the RCC that I have been a member of for some years. Anecdotal feedback is that when the RCC was founded, those involved understood the 2003 agreement, but that knowledge became diluted over time. So some might say we now have a committee with dentures rather than teeth!

This is a timely moment to re-examine the 2003 agreement as the City is reviewing its governance including the future of the Barbican Residential Committee that makes the decisions about how our homes are managed. Given that the 2003 agreement represents the City's agreement with residents, I believe that it is quite proper for us to ask for what we were promised. And asking is something I have been doing, and will continue to do, together with the Chairman of the Barbican Association.

BARBICAN ESTATE RESIDENTS' CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

In closing, I encourage you to watch the next RCC meeting Monday 14 June. This will be virtual so you can watch it live, or on catch-up, using the details on the City's website <http://democracy.cityoflondon.gov.uk> If you have a view on the topics discussed, be sure to contact your House Group so your feedback can be incorporated into their thinking.

Christopher Makin

Chair, Barbican Estate Residents' Consultation Committee (RCC) that represents residents in their relationship with the City, as their managing agent and landlord.



Current RCC Topics Include:

Garchey

The five-year review of the Garchey system, that costs residents some £250,000 a year, is underway. As some 40 percent of Barbican flats may still have a Garchey and the cost of removing the system will be shared by all residents, including those who have paid for their Garchey to be removed, careful consultation will be needed before a decision is made. I encourage you to let your House Group - which represents you on the RCC - know your view.

Service Levels

Service levels provided by the BEO, who should be thanked for their efforts throughout the pandemic, are reviewed at each RCC meeting. Prior to the RCC our Service Level Agreement Working Party meets with Officers to review service levels in detail. The membership of this Working Party will soon be open for nominations so it, like all RCC working parties, can be refreshed during 2021. If you would like to volunteer, or to know more, please email chairspeedhouse@outlook.com

Podium waterproofing

The second phase of the podium waterproofing (tile replacement) project, covering the area from Bryer Court through to the steps down to Speed House, is on the agenda for the next RCC meeting. This multi-million pound project is not service-chargeable and will run in phases over two years. The House Groups from the directly affected blocks (Ben Jonson, Breton, Bryer, Cromwell,

Defoe, Frobisher and Shakespeare) have been asked to nominate a resident to represent them as the City is planning some early engagement.

Pink Cards

The pink card system to alert residents when a parcel is delivered was suspended during Lockdown and its future is under discussion. Is it an anachronism now that delivery companies send alerts to our phones? Or are pink cards, or an equivalent text/online message, valued for unexpected deliveries? Do let your House Group know your thoughts as this is a topic the RCC is reviewing.

Fire safety

This includes the new fire signage that is on hold following negative feedback from residents and the City's plan to replace fire doors on the estate. This is a Landlord's expense, given that it is an improvement, that is estimated to cost £20 million. It includes the front door sets for each flat plus the adjacent cupboards for post and rubbish, and features such as the glazed panels next to front doors in some buildings.

Service Charges

Meetings are ongoing with Officers regarding our service charges that increased by 8.59 percent last year to reach £10 million whilst all other City departments have held costs flat or push them down whilst maintaining current services. Progress on this matter is a priority for the RCC, and we will work with Officers to deliver improved outcomes.

Security Matters

As previously reported, the Barbican Estate Security Committee ('BESC') and I have been working on the development of an easy-to-use computer programme whereby residents will be able to record anti-social behaviour ('asb') occurring across the estate.

I'm delighted to announce that through the good offices of Jim Davies - Membership Secretary of the Barbican Association and a professional computer programmer - a system, which we believe will provide the ideal solution, has been developed by Jim. We have branded it "ASB Reporter".

It is important to note that the main objective of this programme is to determine the level and type of asb activity; the success of which will depend on the willingness of residents to use it. Indeed, some residents do not believe that there really is a serious level of anti-social behaviour and it is certainly true to say that such activity tends to take place mainly in certain 'pockets' of the estate. That being so, our experiment in gathering data on asb will be to provide evidence to inform future decisions and policy changes both for residents and local enforcement agencies.

The ASB Reporter has been tested by all House Group Chairs across the estate and the consensus view is that it is an easy system to use and it was well received.

The BESC has now had the

opportunity to analyse feedback from House Group Chairs and consider their comments/suggestions etc... Clearly the importance of protecting personal privacy and ensuring compliance with General Data Protection Regulations is paramount and Jim, on behalf of the BESC, is undertaking final 'tweaks' to the programme. When complete, agreement with BAGC members will be sought, following which the programme will be launched to all Barbican residents.

The objectives and privacy policy details of the programme will be featured on the revised BA website and it is intended to deliver, in tandem, a brief explanatory leaflet to all letterboxes in the Barbican with comparable information to support the ASB Reporter's launch.

Non computer-savvy residents or those without the necessary equipment will be able to report incidents verbally to their CPA and/or Lobby Porter, all of whom have access to a PC and who will complete the ASB Reporter for said residents. Alternatively, a paper version of the ASB Reporter is being considered by Barbican Estate Management who would supply copies to CPAs and Lobby Poters.

A monthly summary report providing details of the type and amount of asb

SECURITY AND SAFETY

Useful Police Contact Numbers

City of London Police switchboard-
Crime reporting: 020 7601 2222
Non-emergencies: 101
Emergencies (landline): 999
Emergencies (mobile): 112
Anti-Terrorist Hotline: 0800 789 321
Action Fraud Team: 0300 123 2040

Numbers to call in the event of Disturbance

City Noise Team: 020 7606 3030
for noise happening currently. (For advice, email: publicprotection@cityoflondon.gov.uk but response to emails is not immediate)
Transport for London (Underground): 0343 222 1234 (option 6) 08:00-20:00. (Use online form at <https://tfl.gov.uk/help-and-contact/>)

Crossrail: 0345 602 3813
(Email: helpdesk@crossrail.co.uk)

activity that has taken place across the estate without personal details such as names, addresses, emails and/or contact details will be available for all residents to view on the BA website. Initially, the ASB Reporter will merely be used to record asb incidents so residents will need to also use the current method of phoning 101; BEO; City Noise Team as appropriate for any asb activity requiring immediate action.

Deputy David Bradshaw C.C.
Chair, Barbican Estate Security Committee

Onwardsand forever upwards

A recent article in The Times newspaper* was headed: "Offices are empty so why are we building Gotham City in London" – and that is indeed a good question. This column has often questioned the City of London's seemingly unshakeable confidence that the City will recover quickly once the pandemic is over. Its confidence was again expressed firmly in a press release of 9th March 2021 which reported that so far this year, it had "given planning consent for the equivalent of almost 80% of the total office floorspace it approved for the whole of last year...". The City's Planning and Transportation Committee has "resolved to approve more than 2m sq ft of office floorspace within the Square Mile" this year and has scheduled further meetings as a result of the large number of planning

applications to be considered in the first half of 2021. Examples of new schemes approved this year include those at 55 Gracechurch Street, 70 Gracechurch Street, and 2-3 Finsbury Avenue – all significantly bigger and higher than the sites they are replacing.

City Place House joins the growing list

The Barbican has not been exempted from these seemingly endless new scheme approvals. We are already aware of the new developments planned at Tenter House, 1-12 Long Lane and 150 Aldersgate. We can now add City Place House at 55 Basinghall Street to that list as the application for the demolition of the existing 9-storey building and its replacement with a 12-storey structure has been submitted. The new development will see a ~80%

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expansion of the site's footprint and the closure of Highwalk from London Wall to Guildhall whilst construction work is taking place. The application also includes the partial demolition and refurbishment of the lower floors of the adjacent City Tower to include a new lift and staircase between street and Highwalk level whilst a new pedestrian route will be created between London Wall and Basinghall Street. Full details can be seen on the City of London's website (ref: 21/00116/FULMAJ).

And what will become of the Museum of London/Bastion House site?

The City has announced that the Centre

for Music development will not be progressed and that there will be a “major renewal of the Barbican Centre”. This clearly raises questions as to the future of the current Museum of London site, particularly since the future of the neighbouring Bastion House, whose lease expires at the end of 2021, is also under discussion.

A BA working group has been established to monitor this site and is having quarterly meetings with the City to discuss its future. We understand that two separate developments are currently envisaged and it is said that Bastion House will not be demolished before a planning application is submitted, currently anticipated by March 2022.

Community engagement agents have been appointed to conduct a thorough

consultation process as to how the vacated space should best be developed. However, the City will clearly seek developments which provide the optimum financial return. This would suggest that any development is likely to be office-led, with some cultural and public realm elements.

In brief

Just approved.....

Ironmongers’ Hall - to build a two-storey extension to its existing office building.

18-19 Long Lane - refurbishment and increase in height of 2 floors

Approved but not yet ratified...

150 Aldersgate Street: two additional floors + expansion into Bartholomew Place

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1-12 Long Lane: demolition of existing buildings and construction of 10-storey office building

And finally.....

We will end with some good news for once as the application to create a new roof terrace at level 10 of **1 London Wall** has been withdrawn.

Sue Cox

Barbican Planning Sub-Committee

A Panglossian paradise: the City’s Local Plan

Like all local authorities, the City has to produce a “Local Plan” – a statement of planning policies for the area for the next 10-15 years. The existing Local Plan was adopted in 2015, and now the City is in the late stages of consulting on its next plan – which will last till 2036.

The process of developing this plan started in 2016, more or less as soon as the old one was settled. <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/planning/planning-policy/local-plan-review-draft-city-plan-2036>. The BA has responded to its earlier stages (the last response in on the BA’s website), and is currently finalising its response to the next draft.

Our response is one of dismay. There are some good things in the Local Plan for residents: residential amenity is mentioned several times, and in relation to things that affect it - noise, light pollution, restriction of daylight and sunlight- and for the first time this plan says that the City will take into account the cumulative effects of development on residential amenity. However, it does not mention a way of measuring cumulative impact, and the rest of the plan belies the fine words about residential amenity.

The publication of the current draft of the Plan was delayed to enable the City to take account of some recent changes in planning regulations but also to take account of the effect of the pandemic, Britain leaving the EU, and of its own new Climate Action Strategy. It now certainly mentions these things, but the substance of the plan has changed

hardly at all: there is still the overriding emphasis on commercial office development. Yes there are other uses, but only at the edges where they will not “compromise the potential for office development” – a phrase that recurs. And of those other uses – the City wants them all: vibrant streets, tranquil spaces, more green spaces, more tall buildings, a night time economy, quiet residential places, more culture, more visitors, play spaces for visitors – all in one square mile. The Plan does not acknowledge that some of these uses conflict, and it does not have a mechanism for making the necessary trade offs. It will be left to the planning committee on the day. We are arguing that the policies to protect residential amenity should have an enhanced status simply because the franchise in the City is weighted towards business interests, not residential ones: we cannot expect councillors elected by businesses to put residents first.

The headline that appeared recently suggesting that the City had had a change of heart and was going to convert offices to houses, was built on the statement in *The Square Mile: Future City* that “We will explore new ways to use vacant space and aim for at least 1,500 new residential units by 2030.” That is already within the Plan’s aim for 2482 residential units by 2036. What is noticeable is that in a spatial plan (which is what the Local Plan is) there is no mention of specific spaces for residential units – only a reliance on “windfall sites”, which would tend to be old empty offices.

All Local Plans have to go before a planning inspector before they can be adopted. We are looking forward to making our case for better residential protections before the inspector in the autumn.

Jane Smith, chair of the BA’s Local plan working group

Barbican Tuesday Club

The Club is, of course, still unable to use the Lilac Room for its weekly meetings, and it seems probable that it will be unable to do so at least until September, when we return from our August break. As a substitute, we have been meeting virtually, via Zoom, on a monthly basis; this is not entirely satisfactory, because only those members with access to the internet can take part.

So, what have we been up to? In January, we had an excellent and most enjoyable quiz, organised by Lesley Bradshaw; in February, we had a most interesting talk given by High Denis, on ‘Skyscrapers’, with particular reference to those in the City; in March, Lesley again tested our knowledge with another quiz; and in April, we had another talk, given by Rob Kennedy, on ‘Old London Bridge’.

We also look forward to the time when we can resume our outings, which might be to the coast or to a stately home - plus visits to galleries and museums.

We always welcome new members, so, if you would like to find out more, please contact me, Tony Croot, on 020 7638 5215, or at antony.croot@macace.net

Tony Croot

Fortune Street Park

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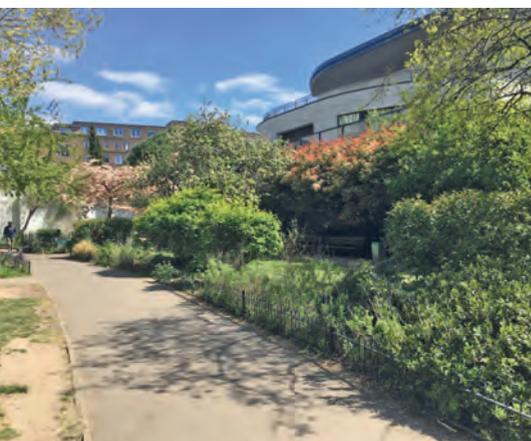
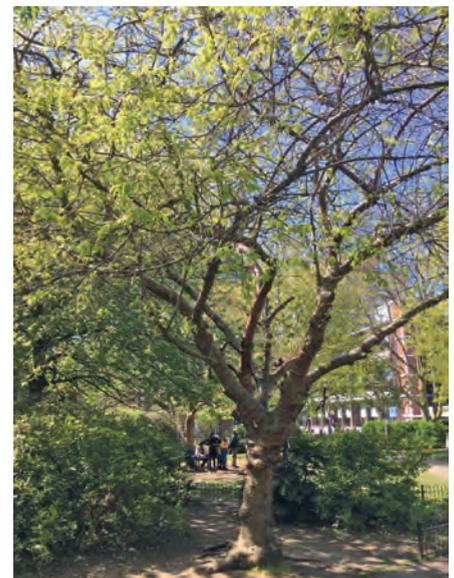
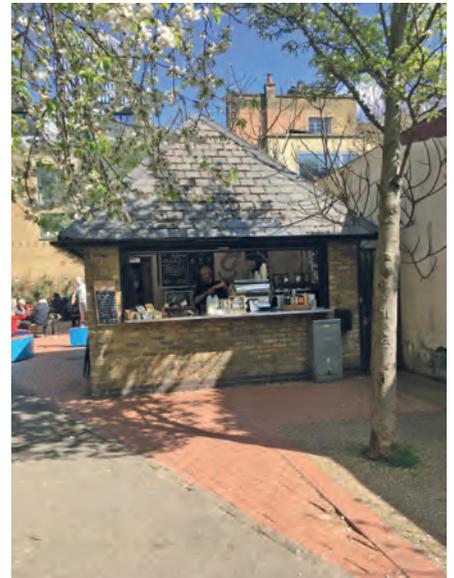
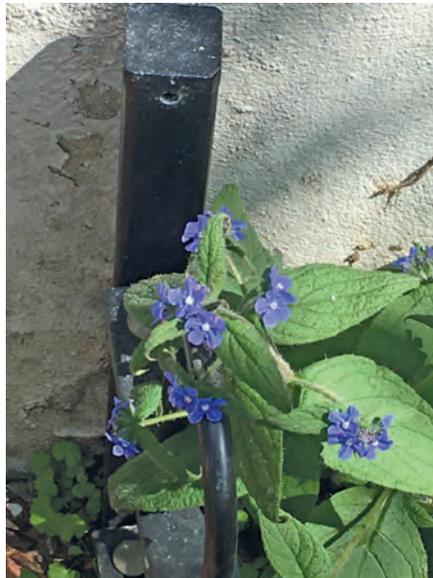
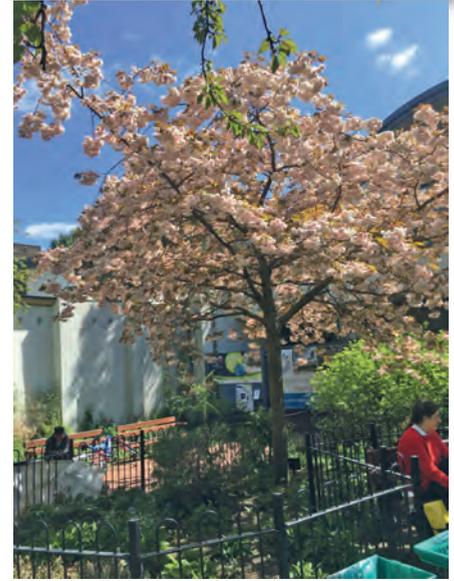
Unfortunately, for the second year running, there will be no Fun Day in Fortune Street Park and, for other reasons, there might not be one next year. Covid has caused two cancellations and long-awaited refurbishment may cause the third.

However, Covid has helped bring the local community together in the Park, as fewer City workers and students have allowed space for compliant chats and get togethers. Since last June, Giddy Up has been open daily and the opportunity to sit, cortado in hand, and chat to friends and neighbours as they pass by has been a rare relief from lockdowns and sheltering.

Over the last two years, the Friends of Fortune Street Park have had meetings with Officers from the London Borough of Islington regarding the proposed refurbishment of the Park and, at last, it seems that there is funding and an intention to proceed to public consultation on the project. Currently completion is programmed for November 2022, with the first round of consultation – creating a wish list – due imminently.

Meanwhile the Park's colony of house sparrows continues to thrive, with its members being seen increasingly around the Barbican, including in the Wildlife Garden. Green corridors, the step between the Park and the Barbican being part of the link between Bunhill Fields and West Smithfield Rotunda, are vital to the enhancement of biodiversity in the City. Both the draft City Plan 2036 and the draft Biodiversity Action Plan 2021-2026 recognise this contribution and we should all appreciate that commitment.

Joanna Rodgers



Thanks to Fred and Joanna for the photos of Fortune Street Park

How much do you know about the City? QUIZ

A working party of the Barbican Association has been reading the City of London 2036 Local Plan with a view to preparing the Association's comments. The document is a mine of information. Try your hand at a Not the Pub Quiz. 20 questions to test your knowledge of the City. Answers are on page 8, including the paragraph or page number in the Plan document.

Heather Thomas

Question

1. How many residential units are there?

- a) 5,570
- b) 7,850
- c) 8,680

2. How many tall buildings are there (above 75m)?

- a) 25
- b) 43
- c) 59

3. How many open spaces are there?

- a) 259
- b) 376
- c) 429

4. How many listed buildings are there?

- a) Over 400
- b) Over 600
- c) Over 800

5. In 2018 what percentage of City businesses (23,580 in all) had fewer than 250 employees?

- a) 23%
- b) 69%
- c) 98%

6. 4 Principal Shopping Areas have been identified. What are they?

7. How many hotel bedrooms did the City provide in 2020?

- a) 6,700
- b) 7,500
- c) 8,100

8. Which is the City's only active river wharf?

9. Which redundant pier will the City seek to reinstate?

10. What is the total length of pedestrianised and pedestrian priority streets?

- a) 15km
- b) 20km
- c) 25km

11. What is the name given to the route from the Barbican along Beech Street and Long Lane to the new Museum of London site?

12. What proportion of the City is considered to have archaeological potential?

- a) 65%
- b) 85%
- c) 100%

13. How many listed medieval and Wren churches are there?

- a) 35
- b) 44
- c) 51

14. How many churchyards are there?

- a) 34
- b) 54
- c) 60

15. What is the point from which the height of a building is measured?

16. How many Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation are there?

- a) 5
- b) 13
- c) 19

17. How many trees are there?

- a) More than 2,500
- b) More than 3,000
- c) More than 3,500

18. There are two flood risks. One is the Thames. What is the other?

19. What does SuDS stand for?

20. What is the official title of the Riverside Walk?

Councillor Anonymity

If you wish to know how a Member of Parliament voted on an issue, or when they made an intervention in a debate, various websites, including the government sponsored *members.parliament.uk*, make it very easy to find out. If you wish to discover the equivalent information about the Common Councillors of the Corporation of London, it is a different matter. In 2011 the Corporation adopted the practice of referring in minutes of meetings to the generic "a Member" instead of to the name of the Councillor. The only exceptions are the Chair and Deputy Chair, who are referred to by their titles. Where a vote occurs, it is not recorded which Councillor voted which way. Dissenting Councillors may request that their dissent be recorded under their name, and this is sometimes done.

Pre-Covid it was possible to attend Corporation meetings and note who said what and how Members voted. Most people do not have the time or the inclination to gather data in this inefficient way. During the pandemic, Corporation meetings moved online and can be viewed on YouTube. Whilst you can watch from home, you still have to watch for the duration of the meeting to find out who made what contribution and who voted in which way.

At the Planning and Transportation Committee meeting on 15 December 2020, "a Member" proposed that the PTC should change this practice and record by name both contributions to the discussion and voting on applications. It was suggested that the electorate would be keenly interested to know how their representatives voted on planning matters, which can be highly controversial and which regularly demonstrate the dominance of the business vote over residential interests. Corporation Officers were asked to prepare a report on the question. The report was presented to the PTC on 24 February 2021. It is five pages long when it might have been two, which is one of the reasons that Lord Lisvane in his governance review last year referred to Corporation decision-making as sclerotic.

The Officers' report pointed out that the "review and co-ordination of the governance of the City of London Corporation including its Committees" was within the terms of reference of the Policy and Resources Committee and that they had yet to consider Lord Lisvane's observations on meeting management. The PTC could not go it alone with a change in "house style".

Supporting evidence obtained from 32 other London boroughs was mixed, with a majority adopting anonymity for discussions and voting, and some specifying names for one or the other. Of the 7 neighbouring boroughs, all go the anonymous route save for Hackney, which reveals how Councillors vote.

No change will be made for the time being. If you want to know how councillors voted, YouTube is your only option. The irony is that, as the City's financial institutions have been obliged by regulators to espouse personal accountability under the Senior Managers and Certification Regime, so the Corporation ensures that the behaviour of elected Councillors cannot easily be scrutinised by the electorate.

Anonymous

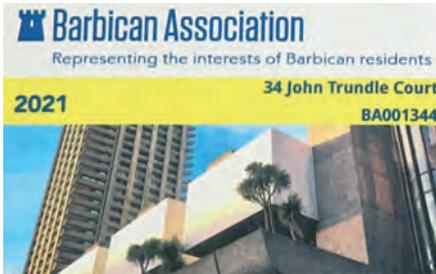
The Show Goes On

The live streaming of City meetings on YouTube since the start of the pandemic has widened participation in the democratic process by introducing more flexibility for the City's communities. It has also helped to facilitate greater public scrutiny. Therefore it is the intention for the Corporation to continue live streaming the committee meetings.

BARBICAN ASSOCIATION DISCOUNT SCHEME PARTICIPANTS

A list of organisations offering discounts or other incentives to Barbican Association members. **If you are not already a BA member, make sure you join the Barbican Association to qualify** – for most of these just one visit will more than cover your annual BA membership subscription cost.

Local businesses which wish to participate and offer a discount or other incentive to BA members should contact Helen Hudson, 07842 23 52 68 or barblifeedit@gmail.com for further information.



**Please visit
barbicanlife.com
to see more details
and contact
information for our
local firms.**

Many businesses participating in the BA discount scheme have been closed due to covid 19. Reopening dates and discount arrangements may be subject to changes PLEASE PHONE AHEAD!

FOOD AND DRINK

Aprés Food Co
Artillery Arms
Barbican Kitchen
Bowling Bird
Chiswell Street Dining Rooms
Coq d'Argent
Fare
Fish Central
Hammer & Tongs
The Jugged Hare
LINO London
Moshi Moshi Sushi
Neo
Pho Vietnamese
Cafe/Restaurant
St Barts Brewery
Stem and Glory
Vecchio Parioli
Wood Street Bar and
Restaurant

HEALTH, BEAUTY AND WELLBEING

Acupuncture Access
Barbican Dental Care
Barbican Dental
Barbican Physio
Barry's Bootcamp
Bodymotion Chiropractic
Clinic
City Psychotherapy
Clear Coaching and Training
Easton London
Health in the City
Insight London
Integrity Centre
London Eye Optique

No74 Hair & Beauty
Personal Training
Psychotherapy City
Registered Osteopath – Lucy Bracken
Registered Osteopath and pain management – Christopher Blackburne
Thao V Hair Studio

SALES AND SERVICES

Abracadabra Cleaning
Services
Casa Usaquén Colombian products
Certax Accounting
Computer Saviour

LSO Live
Mail Boxes Etc, Barbican
Prince of Wales Dry Cleaners
Urban Locker Self Storage

CULTURE

Charterhouse
Velorose Gallery

FURNISHING

Adams Blinds
Alma Home
Hand Drawn Walls
MAR-DEN
MILK Concept Boutique
MyDreamKitchen

How much do you know about the City?

No.	Answer	Reference
1	b) 7,850	Page 15
2	c) 59 with another 12 in the planning pipeline. Bonus information: until the early 1960s the tallest building in London was St Paul's Cathedral (para 7.7.14).	Page 15
3	b) 376 totalling nearly 34 hectares or just over 84 acres. 80% are of less than 5 acres. The City is 716.8 acres in total (1 hectare = 2.471 acres)	Para 6.6.7
4	b) More than 600 – counting them seems to be hard	Page 16
5	c) 98%	Para 5.1.3
6	Cheapside, Moorgate/Liverpool St, Leadenhall Market and Fleet St.	Para 5.2.4
7	a) 6,700	Para 5.3.16
8	Walbrook Wharf	Para 6.2.36
9	Swan Lane Pier	Para 6.2.38
10	c) 25 kilometres	Para 6.3.12
11	The Culture Spine	Para 6.3.13
12	c) 100%	Para 6.4.3
13	b) 44	Para 6.4.5
14	c) More than 60 – something else difficult to count	Para 6.4.5
15	Above Ordnance Datum (AOD)	Para 6.5/1
16	b) 13	Para 6.6.24
17	a) More than 2,500 – yet another thing difficult to count.	Para 6.6.32
18	Surface water/sewage overflow in the former Fleet valley.	Para 6.7.12
19	Sustainable Drainage Systems	Para 6.7.22
20	The Thames Path National Trail	Para 7.4.5